

City of Muskegon  
City Commission Worksession  
October 12, 2015  
City Commission Chambers  
5:30 PM

MINUTES

2015-70

Present: Commissioners German, Hood, Rinsema-Sybenga, Gawron, Johnson, Turnquist, and Spataro.

Absent: None.

**Industrial Facilities Tax Abatement – 441 W. Western.**

Pigeon Hill Brewing Company, LLC, has requested to establish an Industrial Development District at 441 Western Avenue.

Mike Franzak, Zoning Administrator, gave an overview. The State contacted Pigeon Hill and the City indicating other forms are required to be filled out. The project has already commenced. The State is aware of this and will manage the paperwork and forward a response once the resolution is adopted.

This item will be on the October 13, 2015 Commission Meeting for consideration by the Commission.

**Create City Wide Special Assessment for Street Lights.**

A public hearing will be held by the Commission on October 13, 2015 to consider creating a special assessment district for streetlights that encompasses the entire city.

Commissioner Johnson indicated he would not support the special assessment unless the amount being asked per parcel is \$26 instead of the \$35 per year for five years that is currently being asked. Commissioner Johnson indicated the July 1<sup>st</sup> budget indicates the Commission would be asking for a special assessment to cover 50% of the lighting cost. The \$35 per parcel would generate 80% of the cost of electricity. Commissioner Johnson did indicate he would vote in favor of the assessment if the \$9 was spent towards making the community more energy efficient.

Commissioners indicated the wording of the letter sent to parcel owners is confusing. Staff agreed and will change the wording to better reflect the intent in the future.

Mayor Gawron and Vice Mayor Spataro both indicated they are in favor of the special assessment citing the rise in costs.

**Any Other Business**

City Manager Peterson indicated he did an interview with WZZM about the speed limit on Marquette Avenue.

Commissioner Johnson asked how MCI's are currently being handled by Safebuilt.

**Adjournment.**

**Motion by Commissioner Hood, seconded by Vice Mayor Spataro to adjourn at 7:34 p.m.**

***MOTION PASSES***

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**Ann Marie Meisch, MMC  
City Clerk**